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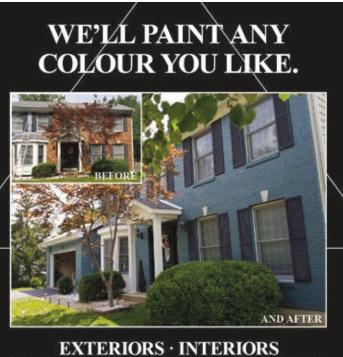


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Say hello to the Homayoonfars! Kian and Gina live in Forest Hills with their Scottish Terrier, Winston, cat, Kiki, and turtle, Donatello. Gina is from St. Louis and is a former teacher of 11 years. She is currently working towards a real estate license. Kian is originally from Pittsburgh, PA, and is Director of Mutual Fund Research at Stifel.

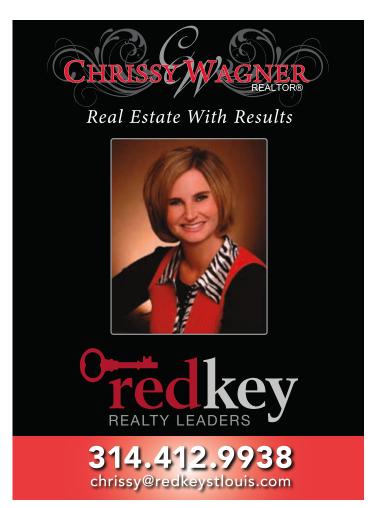


Kian and Gina enjoy hanging out at the Forest Hills pool, barbequing in their backyard, visiting the local wineries with family and game nights with friends. Their favorite restaurants are Annie Gunn's, Favazza's, Olympia and Napoli, while their favorite family dinner is shrimp pasta. Family traditions include taking an annual anniversary trip to the Caribbean, and they love traveling to Europe. Their favorite holiday is Christmas, so they celebrate by decorating their home inside and out and spending time with their family in St. Louis or their family members in Washington, D.C. Kian and Gina have family living all over the world in France, Italy, Belgium, Iran, England, Swede, and Canada!

While they both love traveling, cooking and golf (Topgolf is a frequent destination), Kian enjoys reading, writing and playing the drums. Gina plays tennis, likes to paint and hike. Of course, their favorite sports teams are the Cardinals and the Blues! In the summer, the Homayoonfars love going to the pool, playing cornhole and other outdoor sports. Their favorite TV shows are *Great British Baking, Barefoot Contessa, Fixer Upper, New Girl,* and *The Office.*

Kian and Gina love Clarkson Valley for the scenery, local restaurants, convenient shopping and safety. They are members of Forest Hills Country Club and are excited to meet others from around the community. The Homayoonfars are thrilled to raise their own family in such a family-friendly community!

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We aren't just about skin care. We care about skin health, a balanced lifestyle and properly educating consumers so they make the best decisions for their specific needs. Skin health is much more than just using products on your face; it also involves the words we say, the things we see in the mirror and the information that we take in.

WE STARTED in the spring of 2020, right as the world shut down due to the pandemic. Our founder, Ashley Nordman, had been a medical aesthetician at a high-end plastic surgery center and lost her job overnight. While she was unable to treat and work on patients, she came up with a plan to help her customers by formulating and crafting her own skin care products to use at home. A|N Skin & Beauty came alive at her kitchen table as her dream was to help people feel confident and beautiful in their skin, and she wasn't going to let the state of the world stop her.

The brand began with our top-selling skin pads, which sold out time and time again. As the popularity grew, so did the line, and now we have expanded to offer entire skin care regimens, body products and even make-up. All of which are made of high-quality ingredients and effective formulations.

A|N Skin & Beauty now has its first storefront in O'Fallon, MO, where the founder resides, and our warehouse is located in the same space as well. We are a small, femaleowned business, and we are proud to say that our products are all made in the USA.

OUR FOUNDER is Ashley Nordman, a licensed medical aesthetician who also happens to have an extensive background in health and wellness. Her lifestyle and values show that prioritizing your overall health is an important factor involved in achieving healthy skin, and that is why her products are all designed with your overall health in mind.

Ashley created A|N Skin & Beauty as a way to help as many people as she possibly could to achieve clear and healthy skin, and this is a huge passion of hers as she was an acne sufferer for the majority of her life. She also battled health conditions, hormonal problems, and anxiety for over 10 years before she finally took matters into her own hands and healed her mind, body, and eventually her skin, thanks to going to esthetician school.

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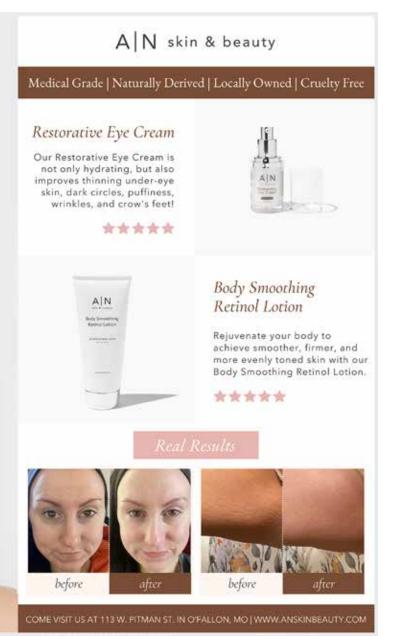


Now that she is acne-free, she is determined to help others see the same success with programs such as her Acne Bootcamps. Having a clear complexion has been lifechanging for her and helping others get to that same place

is a huge motivation for us. As we have evolved to help others with a multitude of skin concerns, it is beautiful to see the brand blossom into so much more. And we are just getting started.

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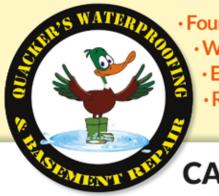
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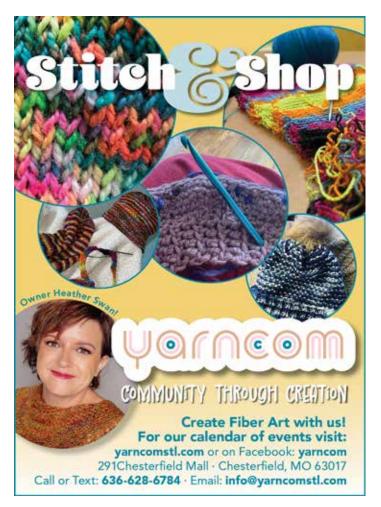
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Cooper, Mabel, Pip and Stubbs



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When I first arrived, it was during a special time when humans stayed home a lot. I loved it! My humans say I got them through a tough time, but that's my job, to make them happy. Most of the day, I spend following Cooper around the house and cuddling with him. Every day I sniff the backyard with Pip and Mabel. Sometimes I get into mischief and dig up a mole hole or roll in a puddle and get muddy. I also like to find toads to bother or squirrels to chase. One day I may catch a squirrel. It is my destiny!

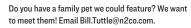




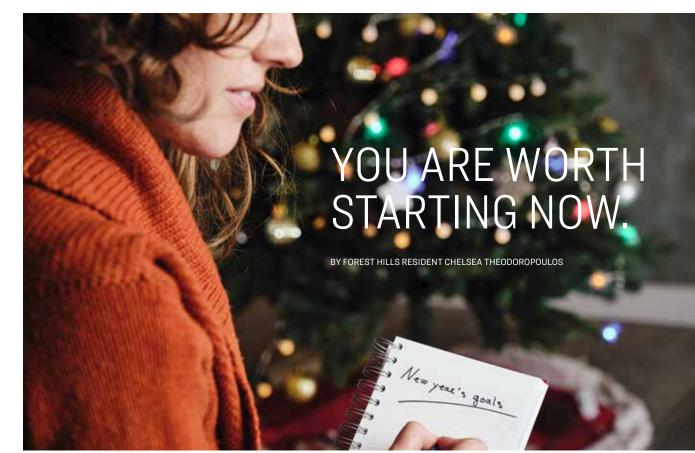














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New Year's is coming! It's the magical calendar flip where we get a fresh start and a heavy dose of motivation. We fill our heads with promises that 2023 is THE YEAR we make long-lasting change because we're serious this time. We can do it, but not until Jan. 1, 2023, because the time that stands before us at this moment is lost on us. The time in front of us doesn't matter. "I'll start ... later," we say. We sneak in our final indulgences and mentally prepare for the big day that will kick off the rest of our lives.

Stop paralyzing yourself with ultimatums and feeding your thoughts with self-doubt.

Why not right now? Why are your goals taking a back seat? When will you come first in your own life? Any time gifted to us does matter.

You can enjoy the holidays while also putting yourself first. The trouble with waiting until the new year is that you are feeding a narrative in your head repeatedly that you are not important enough to begin now. Your goals matter, too, and there is space for both.

Ask yourself these five questions:

• What is currently weighing me down? Is it stress? Negative self-talk? Lack of structure? A busy schedule?

• Where do I want to be in one year? Visualize your best self. What do you feel like? Look like? What's important to you? What are you doing?

• What is required for me to become this version of myself? Is it your nutrition? Increased fitness activity? Positive self-talk? Quality relationships? Self-care? • What's stopping me? Is it your schedule? Fear of failure? Fear of success? Unsure where and how to start? • Is that true? Answer that honestly.

Procrastination can easily lead to inaction. We tend to procrastinate because we're busy putting others first. I want you to shift your mindset in the value you bring to not just your own life but to those around you. What if putting yourself first meant caring for others *better*? Every day, we have an opportunity to get better, stay the same or take a step backward, and only you can make that decision in how you show up. When you physically, emotionally, and mentally feel your best, you rise for others. You become a source of positive influence and a blueprint for your children. You become a magnetic force that inspires and breeds action for those that surround you.

None of this is an overnight change or a magical experience. In fact, it's messy and cumbersome. It's a series of a thousand small habits that get stacked over time, and a thousand times, you choose yourself first. Time is too valuable to wait until Jan. 1. Start now, even if it is messy.



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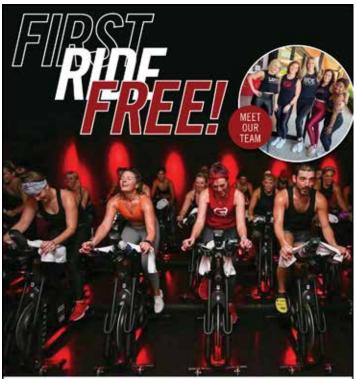
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From left to right: Catherine Cronin, Addy Surber, Rylie Andrews, Miranda Linenbroker and Ava Sanford





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Congrats to our Forest Hills girl's high school golfers, Rylie Andrews, Ava Sanford, Addy Surber, Catherine Cronin and Miranda Linenbroker on a fantastic season and for making it to and competing in the state golf tournament! Rylie Andrews, Ava Sanford and Addy Surber finished second, sixth, and 11th, respectively, earning themselves a medal, which are handed out to the top 15 players. They each earned "All State" honors as well.

Congrats, girls, and keep up the great work!

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QUESTIONS NANA ASKED REESEY PIECEY:

What do you want to be when you grow up? A veterinarian, so I can save animals. What's one way you think the world will be different when you're my age? There will be less trees. What's your favorite family tradition? Taking our family picture on the beach in Florida What makes you happy?

Mommy

What are you afraid of? What makes you feel better or less afraid?

The dark; "meow meow" (her stuffed cat) makes her feel better.

What kind of chores do you do at home? What are you saving money to buy?

I clean the playroom. Money to buy more "stuffy's" (stuffed animals).

What's your favorite thing to do with me? Play games

How many grandchildren do you think you'll have when you're my age?

Seven

If you could change one thing about the world, what would it be?



Dana and Diana Griggs with their grandchildren, Reese, Riley, Sloane and Maguire at Christmas time!

There would be no school. Who is your hero? Why? Mommy, because she is so sweet (her mom didn't pay her to say this).

QUESTIONS REESEY PIECEY ASKED NANA:

When you were my age, what did you want to be when you grew up?
A teacher
What's one way the world was different when you were my age?
There wasn't the internet or iPhones; we had a landline and maybe a party line.
Is there a story behind the name you call me? What is it?
I happen to love Reeses Peanut Butter Cups; we call you Reesey Piecey.







What makes you happy? Playing with my four grandkids What's your favorite memory of your own grandfather or grandmother? Making cinnamon buns with my grandma and eating them while they were still warm. What were you scared of when you were little, and when did you stop being afraid? I was scared of snakes, and I still am! Can you tell me about the first time we ever met? We met in the hospital. How did you meet my grandfather/grandmother? I met your grandfather when he came to my house to meet my brother; they were friends. What's your favorite part of having grandchildren? Watching them grow up and be kind and sweet. Watching them play sports! What was dad like when he was my age? Do I remind you of him in any way? I can see your dad in you; he was kind and sweet just like you.

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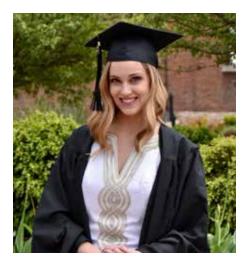


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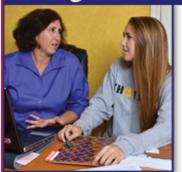
Carolyn Karutz

Fourth-grade teacher at Kehrs Mill Elementary!

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Name: Carolyn Karutz Neighborhood: Dunhill Farm High School: St. Joseph's Academy University: University of Dayton Degree: Early Childhood Education Kehrs Mill Elementary: Fourth Grade Teacher

Why did you want to become a teacher?

I have wanted to be a teacher ever since I was 7 years old. I remember my first day in second grade as the new kid at my elementary school and how nervous I felt. On that first day of school, my teacher, Mrs. Kurka, read a book about a new girl, reading my name in place of the character's name, but I just knew she had looked everywhere for a book with my first name in it. (So, I thought!) To this day, I remember how special and important she made me feel. I came home from school that day determined to be a teacher when I grew up because I wanted to make my own students feel as wonderful and special as Mrs. Kurka made me feel. From that day forward, I began my own classroom in my basement, teaching my stuffed animals in front of a dryerase board. I am grateful for the many teachers who touched my life and inspired me to become an educator.

Where did you receive your teaching degree? The University of Dayton in Ohio. Go, Flyers!

Do you have any special certifications? I have a dyslexia certificate as well as an additional certificate in fourth and fifth grade. I have always loved reading and writing and had a desire to improve my students' abilities in the area of language arts. Additionally, my fourth- and fifth-grade certificate allowed me to dive deeper into the major content areas of the upper elementary grades.

Why did you choose your university?

My older sister, Victoria, had attended the University of Dayton, so I knew it was one of my contenders. When I stepped on campus, it was the first school that truly felt like home. Dayton also has a wonderful reputation with its teacher education program, ranked fourth nationally. I grew not only in my academics but enjoyed enrichment activities to grow myself as an individual through volunteer work, being a part of an a cappella group and performing in musical theater productions. Dayton was a wonderful experience, and I absolutely loved it.

What is your favorite thing about being a teacher?

I love how every day is new and exciting, as 9- and 10-year-olds are never boring! My fourth-graders keep me smiling and laughing every day with their humor, wit and stories. While we work hard each day, the classroom community that develops in the span of a school year is what touches my heart the most. My students truly make each day fun and are the reason I



am excited about work every day. I could not imagine myself doing anything else!

How do you continue to develop yourself and grow as a teacher?

I am a firm believer that all professionals should continue to grow and develop in their field of study. I keep up to date on the field of education through regular professional development events that I attend, books shared among colleagues and by having a strong network among my fellow teachers. My fourthgrade teammates are a wealth of knowledge, and it is such a gift to learn from such skilled and dedicated professionals on a daily basis. I am also looking forward to beginning my master's program this coming summer.

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What advice do you have for people interested in a career in education?

My advice is to be open to different grade levels and ages, and to experience and observe in as many different schools and classes as possible. You never know what your perfect classroom fit might be! I always thought I would solely teach younger grades, but I have absolutely loved teaching fourth

grade. Another piece of advice would be to find an experienced, passionate educator that you can rely on for any questions but can also uplift you throughout your career. Surrounding yourself with likeminded, driven teachers is imperative for successful teaching experience!





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Enjoying the festivities in Clarkson Farm Estates!





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Sean and Chelsea Muncy with Callister at the Forest Hills Haunted Autumn Extravaganza

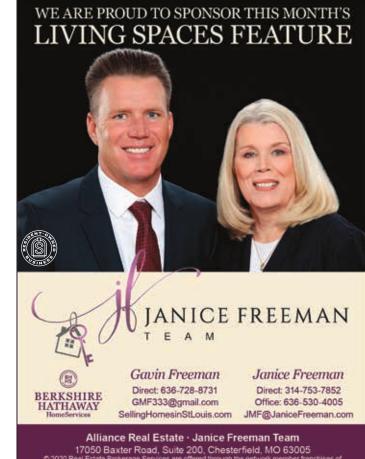


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will be taking over as our new Executive Chef. Chef Tony is an Executive Chef, certified by the American Culinary Federation and a graduate of the Culinary Institute of America, with more than 30 years of culinary experience. He has a long history of developing food and beverage teams in many areas of the health care, hospitality and service industries while being committed to quality and the guest experience.

Chef Tony has been assisting Forest Hills Country Club in a Sous Chef role since March 2022 and has brought a depth of knowledge to our culinary team. He has traveled extensively throughout the country supporting restaurants, hotels, hospitals and country clubs. He has worked at several high-profile social events, including Le Dames D'Escoffier, the International pinot noir Festival, Slow Foods USA and the Veuve Clicquot Champagne Dinners. He also works in a culinary capacity with the PGA at several well-known golfing events, including the Waste Management Phoenix Open, the PGA Championship and the Masters. Chef Tony is excited to

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continue his relationship with these PGA tournaments while representing Forest Hills Country Club.

Chef Tony's impressive resume includes experience at various country clubs and resorts, including the Cherokee Town and Country Club, St. Louis Country Club, Horseshoe Bend Country Club, Fairmont Scottsdale Princess and Sea Island Resort. During his time at these places, he worked for six Certified Master Chefs and is actively pursuing this certification himself. There are only 67 Master Chefs in the entire country.

When asked about his leadership style and plan for increasing member satisfaction, Tony said, "I am a problem solver and lead by example; I have worked my way up in the culinary industry. I have intimate knowledge of all levels of management and front-line positions. I take a hands-on approach to teaching, and I view mistakes as an opportunity to mentor and learn. I strive for excellence and am very detail-oriented. I hold myself and my work to extremely high standards." We are very excited about the changes Chef Tony will bring to Forest Hills!

Membership at Forest Hills Country Club is by invitation only.



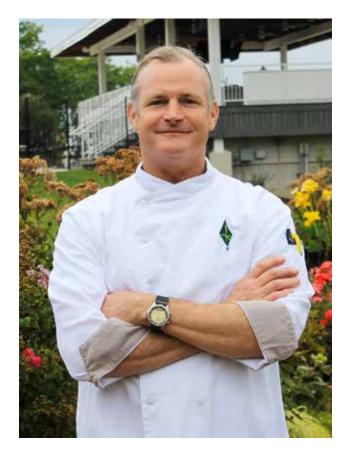
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